

CELEBRATION OF 1917-1918 AT HOTEL PATTEN

New Year Ushered In Amid Eating and Merry-Making by Noisy Crowd.

At the stroke of the midnight hour last night at the Hotel Patten, the lights went out on hosts and guests at a merry dinner party, which was the finale of two hours dancing in the ballroom. The old year was not to steal silently away neither was the New Year to come unheralded, the noise of horns, some sounding the familiar "honk, honk" from automobiles, the young boy's Christmas horn and the stray cow-bells with other noisy instruments, contrived to usher in the year 1918 with a celebration that would defy sleep to the weary, worn traveler.

Among those who had inner parties were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Cox, who had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Barr, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lawton, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beard and Mrs. J. R. Rathbun.

Other were: Dr. O. Y. Jowell and party of five, Guyton Brock and party of fifteen, Mrs. J. B. Pound and party of eight, Mrs. Mims Hightower and party of six, L. J. Fox and party of four, Capt. Keene and party of four, Capt. Mudge and party of five, Lieut. Estes and party of six, Lieut. Sheer and party of six, G. E. Ritchie and party of four, M. Adams and party of four, Louis Hasbary and party of four, Capt. Dorman and party of four, Capt. Frierson and party of four, Clifton Cooke and party of three, and many others.

The decorations in the diningroom could not have been prettier or more elaborate for any celebration than that of the changing of the calendar year from 1917 to 1918.

The national colors were in evidence on every side and on each table there were great clusters of American Beauty roses, carnations and ferns.

With the majority of the men uniformed officers from Fort Oglethorpe, the women in beautiful gowns, the scene brought recollections of "knights of old."

During the dinner a special program was given for the benefit of the crowd, by two companies from a local vaudeville house, including the singing of both patriotic and popular songs, closing by leading the crowd in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Fancy hats were provided for the ladies and domino hats for the men composing the guests, adding to the gala scene of the celebration.

The severity of the weather outside failed to chill the enthusiasm of the festive guests inside and perhaps the largest demonstration of "watch night" and the noisiest heralds of 1918 was at the Hotel Patten, with the exception of the street noise of whistles, bells and horns, which sounded and resounded, running from the deep low bass to the high tenor and shrill soprano, making the "welkin ring."

GREEK LETTER SOCIETY ENTERTAINS WITH TEA

Pretty New Year Affair at Home of Miss Boddy for Miss Bayless.

The Phi Tau Delta sorority of the University of Chattanooga is entertaining with a tea this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at the home of Miss Helen Boddy, 211 Bailey avenue, honoring Miss Joy Bayless, who has recently become affiliated with the society. The library is prettily decorated in Christmas and evergreen, and the diningroom is in lavender and gold, the sorority colors. The table is spread with a cluny lace

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

TUESDAY.
Mrs. E. A. Archer to entertain Federation Women's Relief corps.
Meeting of Missionary society of St. Elmo Methodist church.
Meeting of St. Elmo Red Cross and knitting circle.
New Year's celebration in many homes.
Meeting of Kings' Daughters with Mrs. Kate Montague Marshall.
Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Myers to keep open house.
Meeting of Merriam Sunday school class of S. Baptist church.

WEDNESDAY.
Chattanooga Expression club to hold reception at home of Mrs. C. L. Ford.
Meeting of Lady Maccabees at Keystone Lodge hall.
Meeting of National League for Women's Service.
Meeting of Vine Street Orphanage association with Mrs. Francis Martin.
M. B. Club to meet with Mrs. Fletcher Bacon.
Meeting of Parent-Teachers' association of Jefferson street school.

THURSDAY.
Regular monthly meeting of Chattanooga W. C. T. U. at Frances Willard.
Meeting of Best Way circle with Mrs. C. L. Ellis.
Recital by Henry Law, nee Southwick at courthouse auditorium.

FRIDAY.
Meeting of St. Elmo Red Cross and knitting circle.
Meeting of North Chattanooga Service League.
Meeting of Glen Martin circle with Mrs. F. B. Martin.

SATURDAY.
Meeting of Sunday School Graded union.
Meeting of Judge Howell Tatum society at C. A. R. with Miss Elizabeth Hope.
First of series of benefit dances by C. A. R. at Hotel Patten.

SUNDAY.
Community singing at the courthouse.

cover and a cut-glass basket of yellow roses forms the central decoration. The decorations are draped in ivy, and tulle streamers in the chosen colors are brought to the four corners of the table. The lights are also hooded in yellow.

Mrs. F. W. Hixson, wife of President Hixson; Miss Mildred Hart and Miss Haring, members of the faculty, poured tea. A salad course was served. Receiving with Miss Boddy and Miss Bayless were: Miss Ruth Williams, Miss Helen Ingersoll, Miss Frances Gass, Miss Lillie Beall Keene, Miss Frances Blair and Mrs. Carl Weigel. About 100 guests are expected to call between the hours of 4 to 6 and 8 to 11 o'clock.

COUNTY SCHOOLS MAY NOT OPEN MONDAY

Many Requests That the Opening Be Deferred Until More Favorable Weather.

The South St. Elmo school has postponed opening from Thursday until Monday on account of the weather. It is expected at the meeting of the board of education today that a decision will be reached to defer opening of all the suburban and rural schools in the county until the weather conditions are more favorable. Any number of calls came in from the office yesterday and today from patrons requesting that the opening of the schools be postponed, as their children had quite a distance to walk, which would make it almost impossible for them to go through the snow and such weather conditions as prevail, and they didn't want their children to lose the time in case school was opened.

GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES

The Golf and Country club was the scene of an enjoyable New Year's eve celebration Monday night, when a number of guests entertained with parties at the dinner-dance planned as the special feature of the occasion.

Miss Virginia Isbester was hostess at a party of thirty guests, the event being arranged in honor of her prospective visitor, Miss Esther Nichols, of Nashville, who, however, was detained

by the leave-taking of her brother, en route to Europe.

The dinner was served in the Japanese tearoom, one large table being spread for the occasion, bearing as its centerpiece a miniature fountain surrounded by baskets of Richmond red roses.

Miss Isbester was gowned in blue velvet with garniture of gold lace and worn with a gold face hat.

Those in attendance were: Miss Isbester and Hardwick Caldwell, Lieut. and Mrs. S. M. Bemiss, Lieut. and Mrs. Francis C. Walton, Miss Gloria Lamb and Brooks Bryant, Miss Martha Davenport and Lieut. Bryan Dancy, Miss Margaret Ochs and Lieut. Sam Epperson, Miss Dorothy Trotter and Sidney Riddle, Miss Kathryn Henderson and Raymond Bennett, Miss Clara Trotter and Lieut. Roy Taylor, Capt. Irwin, Capt. Blunt, Lieut. Knapp Milburn, Lieut. Stanley Boykin, Lieut. Joe Richardson, Lieut. Merton Gaines, Lieut. Joe Moore, Robert Riddle.

A number of other parties were held, including those of Lieut. Colquitt, Lieut. Thorpe, Tracey Pusey, Mr. and Mrs. Jo Ann Guild, C. A. Young, Gen. and Mrs. Clarence Steward, Jack Spurlock, Lieut. Hutchison, Capt. Muslemann, Capt. S. B. Johnson, Lieut. Harper, Lieut. Biggs, Lieut. Hogan, Francis Martin.

The New Year's eve dinner-dance held at Signal Mountain Inn was an enjoyable occasion, participated in by a number of parties from the city and from among the ridge dwellers.

The dances began at 10 o'clock in the ballroom, and during the height of the festivities an aeroplane, carrying cotton bolls and arranged upon electric wires, dropped cotton bolls upon the dancers.

At midnight the guests were ushered into the two diningrooms, more than 100 enjoying the ceremonies attending the incoming of 1918.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Myers are keeping "open house" this afternoon at their home, 1515 Missionary road, their guests including the membership of Pilgrim Congregational church, of which Dr. Myers is pastor.

MISS HAZEL ELLIOTT HOSTESS AT WATCH PARTY
Miss Hazel Elliott entertained Monday night with a watch party at her home in St. Elmo. Christmas decorations were liberally used. Music was furnished throughout the evening by Misses Dorothy Erd and Lottie Lee Hale. Games were entered into with enthusiasm, and a guessing contest resulted in Miss Margaret Collins and Miss Thelma Sigler winning the prizes. Refreshments were served.

Those present were: Misses—Dorothy Erd, Mary Ethel Chandler, Thelma Sigler, Margaret Collins, Sarah Nell Hale, Marie Seagle, Sadie Elliott, Lottie Lee Hale, Katherine Hill, Glyndon Seagle, Hazel Elliott.

Messrs.—George Russell, Fred Ford, P. W. Case, Melville Dettler, Murrell Morris, Merrill Chandler, Julian Russell, Larry Hill, Elmer Seagle.

The Pro Re Bonas will meet next Monday with Mrs. Carl J. Rowden in Highland Park.

Miss Billie Anderson will entertain with a tea Thursday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson, at Riverview, for the younger set of the neighborhood.

A meeting of Glen Martin circle will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. F. B. Martin.

Miss Janie Hensley will entertain with a masquerade party Tuesday night at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carrie Hensley, on West Sixth street, in honor of visiting girls.

WELTNER-SMITH WEDDING TAKES PLACE SATURDAY
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith announce the marriage of their daughter, Wilma Lora, to Earle Roy Weltner, which was solemnized Saturday evening, Dec. 29, at the Second Presbyterian church, Dr. E. A. Elmore officiating.

The bride wore a brown coat, suit with moleskin fur and brown turban, shoes and gloves.

Only immediate relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Weltner left for a trip to Pensacola, Fla., and upon their return will reside at 711 Pine street.

SELLS-TURNER WEDDING SOLEMNIZED CHRISTMAS
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sells announce the marriage of their daughter, Nanette, to Charles Turner, which was solemnized Christmas eve, Dec. 25, at 5 o'clock in the study of the Rev. J. W. Wood, the ring ceremony being used. The only attendants were Miss Nellie Dobb and Mr. W. D. Sells. The bride wore a traveling suit of dark blue with fox fur, gray hat, shoes and gloves. Her flowers were a corsage bouquet of Bride's roses.

Mr. Turner is popular both in social and church circles. She was until recently a member of the senior class of Central High, being prominently connected in West and East Tennessee. The groom was formerly of this city, but has made his home in Dover, O., the past two years, where he holds a responsible position and where he will take his bride to reside. They will leave Wednesday.

Mrs. W. L. Scott's committee of the First Baptist church is entertaining with a New Year's musical program this afternoon at Fort Oglethorpe for the pleasure of the Fifty-fourth regiment, which was "adopted" by the church.

MISS DALREY HOSTESS OF WATCH PARTY
Miss Dorothy Dalrey entertained with a watch party Monday evening at her home on North Dodds avenue. Holly, pine, mistletoe and Christmas bells were used in decorating.

Music and old-fashioned games were enjoyed. In guessing contests Misses Louise Wilson and Willie Roy Kelsa, Messrs. John Dodds and Clifford Wilkerson won the prizes. A salad course was served.

The guests were: Misses—Marie Bass, Edna Bass, Nancy Dodds, Louise Wilson, Willie Roy Kelsa, Messrs.—Milton Kroeger, Ransom Pirtle, Leonard Bass, Clifford Wilkerson, John Shackelford.

B. Y. P. U. ENTERTAINS.
The members of the Junior B. Y. P. U. of the Highland Park Baptist church entertained last night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Keese.

A special feature of the evening was a New Year's tree. Each guest brought a surprise gift, which was placed on

SEPARATE SKIRT EXHIBITS BUSTLE



New York.—The bustle, which reappeared on the fashion horizon this autumn has had rather encouraging success. It has even invaded the realm of the separate skirt, the garment of simplicity and conservatism of line. This bustle is still only a tucking up of the skirt material in a carefully arranged puff, but there is rather more of the tucking than appeared in the first hesitating advances of the style.

the tree, later being distributed. Refreshments were served. About forty guests were present.

Miss Sallie Mae Cade entertained the Senior B. Y. P. U. at her home on Union avenue.

SOCIETY PERSONALS
John Seagle will arrive today from New York to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Seagle. They will all leave for New York Friday.

T. W. Willingham will entertain with a dance tonight for the younger set at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Willingham, on Vine street.

Mrs. J. T. Lupton has been confined to her home with the grip for a few days.

Lieut. Morris G. Hammond was in the city for a few hours Monday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Graves, en route to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., from his home in Vermont, where he had been on a ten days' furlough.

Mrs. Grover Waite, of Easonville, Ala., has returned home after a visit with Miss Isabelle Alsop.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sellers, Jr., who have been touring the west, are now in Colorado.

Mrs. Philip Risterholz is improving from her recent illness.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Loomis, of Sweetwater, who has been visiting Mrs. Fred Robinson and Miss Connor in North Chattanooga, has returned home and will later enter Hiwassee college.

Miss Grace Williams is the guest of her parents in Beaver Dam, Ky.

Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Rike, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes, in Nashville, returned home Sunday night.

George Revington will return to school at Auburn, Ala., Thursday.

Mrs. Ella May Ligon, of Knoxville, who spent the holidays with friends and relatives here, has returned to Knoxville. Many parties were given in Miss Ligon's honor.

Miss Hazel Lamar, of Atlanta, will come Friday to visit Miss Ruth Royalty, Miss Lamar and Miss Royalty will both leave shortly thereafter for Columbia Institute at Columbia, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilkins and family, of Greensboro, N. C., will leave Wednesday for their home, after spending Christmas with Mr. Wilkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wilkins, in Park place.

Paul Steward and Edward Chapin will leave Saturday for the University of Pennsylvania.

Miss Anna Weigel has returned from Knoxville, where she has been spending the holidays.

land's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hagan, on the Porter road. Corporal Rutland is located at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.—Nashville Banner.

Robert F. Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dickson, who has been with the Norfolk and Western experimental farm at Ivor, Va., has been transferred to the city passenger office at Norfolk.

Mrs. William Brown, of Harrison, formerly Miss Elizabeth Sisson, has returned home, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. A. F. Sisson, in St. Elmo.

Mrs. W. E. Wheelock is suffering with throat trouble.

Miss Phyllis Lancaster will leave on Monday morning for Ogonitz school, at Philadelphia.

Mrs. E. A. Wheatley is suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

Mrs. Z. W. Wheland is in Jonesboro, called there by the illness of her mother, Mrs. George W. Willard.

Miss Adele Lowry and Miss Mary Milne will leave Monday for Sweetbriar. Miss Milne came home from Shorter college for the holidays and decided to go to Sweetbriar with Miss Lowry.

Capt. McChesney Jeffries, of the Virginia field artillery, who has been spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Raymond Wallace, left Sunday for Annapolis. Capt. Jeffries' home is in Norfolk.

Mrs. Charles B. Newman, who has been visiting Mrs. M. E. Newman, Mrs. E. F. Wheland and Mrs. Walter Cummings, has gone to Chicago.

Mrs. R. D. Williams is visiting her father in West Tennessee.

Miss Ellen Saunders will return to Loretto academy the last of this week.

Miss May Young, of Knoxville, is the guest of Miss Marjorie Newell.

Lieut. Corbin Woodward has returned to Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Sam Campbell is visiting in Texas.

Miss Margaret Saunders has gone to Dayton to be the guest of Miss Katherine Frazer and attend the New Year's dance.

Mrs. A. J. Aull and Miss Dorothy Aull are visiting in Athens, Ga.

Miss Rebecca Mathis will return to Smith college today.

Lieut. John D. Dickson, Jr., of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., is expected home the latter part of the month to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Dickson, in Highland Park.

Lieut. Leaver Richardson has returned to Fort Oglethorpe after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Richardson.—Sunday American.

Miss Sara Standish is convalescent from her recent illness.

Boyd Baker is now located in Petersburg, Va.

Misses Carrie Lee and Katherine Jacobway have returned from a visit to Trenton, Ga.

EAST CHATTANOOGA.
Mrs. A. Bennett has returned to Copperhill, Tenn., after visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Hodges.—Mrs. Louise Joyner and Miss Edna Stone, of Atlanta, are spending the holidays with Mrs. John Parks and Mrs. W. E. Rayburn.—Mrs. D. M. Raulston, covered were laid for twelve.—Mrs. W. E. Pool entertained the Prichardettes of Murfreesboro, is the guest of Prof. and Mrs. S. H. Profit. Miss Profit will return the latter part of the week to re-enter the Tennessee Polytechnic institute.

Mrs. Charles Hodges and children have returned from Ridgeville, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hodges.

Miss Herron, of Hixson, will spend the winter with her brother, Eugene Herron, and Mrs. Herron on Campbell street.—L. H. Rayburn, of Seale, Miss., has been spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Rayburn, on Wilder street.—The regular meeting of the Red Cross will be held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. H. Clarke on Glass street.—Miss Dorothy Breaker entertained with a watch party Monday evening.—Mrs. Fletcher Bacon is entertaining the M. B. club this afternoon at her home on Taylor street.—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Crawford have returned from Nashville, where they visited relatives.

—The Ladies' Aid society of the Chamberlain Avenue Baptist church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Henderson on Glass street.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes.—The Woman's Missionary society of the King Memorial church will meet Thursday afternoon at the parsonage.—Mrs. Guy Stone, of Alexandria, La., is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Lowwood.—John Parks has gone to Sheffield, Ala., on a business trip.—Mrs. Claude Gould, of Macon, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Allen, and other relatives.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dennis, Mabel Young and Price Jacobway spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Raulston.—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Andrews have gone on an extended visit to relatives in the east.—Mrs. John T. Ritchie is seriously ill at her home on Campbell street.—Thomas Stevens, of Ohio, is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. M. Stevens.—Mrs. W. H. Lockwood has returned from a week's stay in Knoxville.—Mrs. D. M. Raulston has returned from Macon, where she attended the funeral of Dr. J. B. Brock.

DAISY.
The Sunday schools of Daisy gave a Christmas cantata, "Through the Gates of Life." The story of the cantata was a man's dream of the birth of the Christ-child.—Miss Ora Smith and Miss Blanche Irwin are home from Johnson City normal.—C. L. Poe, of Independence, Kan., is spending the holidays with homefolks.—A New Year's watch party was given at the home of Miss Frances Cope.—Charlie Heard is ill at his home.—The Daisy Red Cross will have a meeting at the school Thursday afternoon.—Walter Hixson has returned to Camp Sevier, after a visit with homefolks.—Miss Nannie Vincent has returned to Mississippi, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Chett.—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Orr are visiting homefolks.—The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Pockett Thursday.—Miss Myrtle Hogue has returned home after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Brown, of Chattanooga.

WAS FEELING ALL RUN DOWN
Symptoms of on-coming kidney trouble deserve prompt attention, for neglect invites serious illness. Louis Buckner, Somerset, Va., writes: "I was feeling all run-down; tired with pains in my back. After taking Foley Kidney Pills I felt like a new man." Backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles, swollen ankles, puffiness under eyes, and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments yield quickly to this time-tried remedy. A boon to middle-aged men and women. J. Anderson, Druggist, Chattanooga, Tenn.—(Adv.)

CITY MUST BE MORE SANITARY TO MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Microscope Turned on Municipal Shortcomings When U. S. Health Officers Investigate—Many Serious Objections—May Restrict Troops to Park.

The sanitary conditions existing in Chattanooga and vicinity must be improved. This is not just hearsay, but it comes straight from the government officials. Everybody has got to get out and "clean up his own back yard."

The present insanitary conditions as they actually are here were laid before the mayor of the city, the city commissioners and a body of representative business men Monday afternoon by the United States health officials now stationed in this zone.

Maj. James L. Robinson, medical corps camp surgeon at Fort Oglethorpe, who has figured most prominently at several of the other camps in the medical department, gave a talk in which he outlined the necessity of the betterment of the sanitary conditions. He stated that unless these conditions are bettered the medical officers in charge would recommend that the soldiers be prohibited from coming to the city. This was done in order to impress the seriousness of the situation upon those representing all business centers of the city.

Dr. C. P. Knight included in his report twelve subjects of the insanitary conditions in and around Chattanooga, which comes as a result of the department's investigation and most extensive work. Some of those named by Dr. Knight were:

Approximately 600 food establishments of which approximately 10 per cent. are in an approved condition.

No sanitary supervision over barber shops.

Antisipping ordinances not enforced, especially in poolrooms, moving picture houses and street carns.

Rubbish and garbage removal inadequate.

City incinerator very inadequate in size.

Garbage and rubbish both are put on city dump without being separated. (Dump located inside city.)

Mosquito breeding areas abound.

C health department receives only a fractional part of the amount of money necessary to enforce existing sanitation ordinances. Only one sanitary inspector now employed by city.

Seven hundred insanitary privies.

Estimated 6,000 insanitary privies in the extra-cantonment zone, outside of Chattanooga.

Very few county schools have sanitary methods of sewage disposal.

NEW YEAR IS USHERED IN WITH MILD APPLAUSE
Last night, at that minute when the old year goes and the new one comes and the shriek of siren and wail of whistle fill the chill midnight air, there was only the most modest attempt at hoisting a banner. The great ring finished lap 1917, and 1918 started its course. As the new runner sped forward there was only a feeble cheer. Whistles that heretofore have lustily cheered the runner on were silent. Maybe it was because they were so much anxiety over the result of the lap and the thousand pitfalls that have sprung up in the course since 1917 passes it underfoot. Possibly it was a war economy. There was general wondering over what would really happen. But the runner was off.

Here and there, somewhere between Missionary ridge and Lookout mountain, several whistles could be heard. The number was far less than that of previous years, and their clamor was of short duration. On the streets the crowds were small and there was practically no noise. Just what happened no one knows, but as it by some agreement many whistles failed to blow. Cowbells and tin horns were heard only infrequently, and their noise was not enough to create even a slight disturbance. So the new year came in quietly. Probably it was the weather that kept the crowds indoors. Probably it was the thought of what the year might bring. At any rate, they stayed at home.

WOULD HANG BIRD FOOD ON CHRISTMAS TREES
A small girl of this city, attracted by the sight of many hungry birds, writes to The News her ideas of bird protection, as follows:

"Even the little birds can help win the war," she writes. "It is a pity to take a quail's life when one sees what good it does a farmer. In the spring a farmer plants his corn, and if these insect-eating birds do not come, he loses his corn or other crops."

"It is now cold weather, and with the snow on the ground it is hard for the birds to find food. The snow is so light that even the bread and cracker crumbs will not stay on top."

"Now, what are you going to do? It seems silly to sweep off a place on the porch roof, as I have done; so let's hang some bird food on our Christmas trees and put the trees in the yard, instead of on the trash heap."

"This treat to the birds will give them strength to serve the farmer, who serves our fighting boys."

"You may think Mr. Hoover will object, but how could any one let these little birds who serve our farmers starve to death?"

FIVE TIMES GREATER THAN NINE MONTHS AGO
United States Enters New Year With National Debt of Over Five Billion.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The United States enters the new year with a national debt of \$5,613,000,000, more than five times greater than when it entered the war nine months ago, but only one-third of the debt which promises to develop by the first of next year. The debt per capita is about \$51, and the percentage of debt to estimated national wealth is 24

Practically all the conditions mentioned for Chattanooga exist to an even greater degree in the smaller towns and suburbs.

Milk supply, both for the city and smaller towns, very poor.

Water supply (except Chattanooga city supply, practically all private sources) of water, such as wells and springs, are contaminated with sewage.

The government is willing to take care of the unusual conditions caused by troop concentration, but it expects the citizens to do their part and make a drive for 100 per cent. sanitation.

The recent recommendations that were prepared by the department were gone over at the meeting, and the mayor and city commissioners were asked to take the matter up and these passed as city ordinances.

Dr. Thomas Farran, of the Red Cross department, told of the work and outlined the plans of this department. Dr. R. A. Jewett and Dr. Knight both gave short talks, Dr. Jewett emphasizing the great need of extension nursing in the factories as well as the homes. Dr. Arthur Dare, of the M. O. T. C., was also present at the meeting and gave a most interesting talk.

Herman Feger, of this city, made a short talk, endorsing the plans as explained by the governmental authorities, and several other prominent citizens who were doing more and more ing spoke enthusiastically over the idea of having a regular clean-up campaign.

Would Cripple Park.
So far none of the organizations have taken the task upon their shoulders of raising the amount of money that will be necessary